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Docket No.	FIS920020170US1
Serial No.	10/604,486
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Applicant(s): Hendrik F. Hamann, et al.

Docket No.

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Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/604,486	7/25/03	Anita Karen Alanko	32074	1765	1485

Invention: System and Method of Altering a Very Small Surface Area by Multiple Channel Probe

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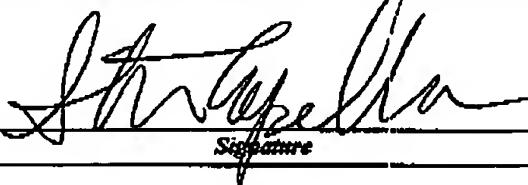
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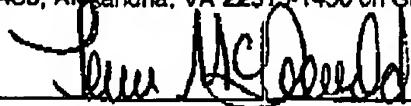
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Group Art Unit 1765

In re application of : September 23, 2005  
Hendrik F. Hamann et al. : Examiner: Anita Karen Alanko  
Serial No. : 10/604,486 :  
Filed: July 25, 2003 : IBM Corporation  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF : Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482  
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE : 2070 Route 52  
AREA BY MULTIPLE CHANNEL : Hopewell Junction, NY  
PROBE : 12533-6531

Amendment

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Sir:

The following amendment is submitted in response to the office action  
dated June 23, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.**